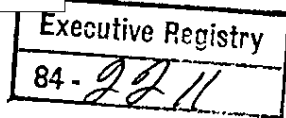


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15 May 1984

The Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Having just returned from three weeks in Europe I spent the last few days catching up on my in-box. Today I came upon your letter to the editor of the New York Times dated 24 April 1984.

Would that the rest of Washington possess the reasonableness and logic of your letter. I appreciate it all the more because I well recognize your opposition to the [redacted] program but your letter sets forth the way in which responsible oversight should work. I hope it's not only a tutorial for the editor of the New York Times but a yardstick by which all oversight should be measured.

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We are grateful for your response to the New York Times and the recognition that the oversight process, even in disagreement, can and should recognize the protection of secret intelligence activities.

With best wishes and warm regards.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature box]

John N. McMahon

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